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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/796,637

Applicant(s)

ARNOLD ET AL.

Examiner

Greg Blankenship

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-7 and 12-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 8-11 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the pull-portion “integrally fitted into a vehicle portion” and “mounted in a motor vehicle dash” must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1 and 17 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1, lines 7 and 8, “windshield” should be --window--;

Claim 17, line 4, “or” should be removed.

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Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 12-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 12 depends from itself. The examiner suggests changing the dependency to claim 11.

The claim has been read as though it depends from claim 11.

Claim 13 is not clearly understood since “actuator switch” lacks proper antecedent basis.

The examiner believes the claim is supposed to depend from claim 12 that introduces the “actuator switch”.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1, 2, and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kunert et al. (4,581,276).

Kunert et al. disclose a quick-remove system for a windshield. The window (1) is attached to the window frame (3) by window packing (35). A cord (32) removes a portion of the window packing (35) when pulled. This allows for removal of the window. A seal member

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(40) is disposed about the exterior portion of the channel defined by the space between the window (1) and the window frame edge (3'). Figure 2 shows a step of the removal process. A drill (14), which meets the limitations of the claimed "mechanical assistance system" and the "removal system", is coupled to the cord.

7. Claims 1, 5, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rieth et al. (DE 3933332 A1).

Rieth et al. disclose a quick-remove system for a vehicle window. The window (2) is attached to the window frame (3) by window packing (8). An aramide fiber cord (11) removes a portion of the window packing (8) when pulled. This allows for removal of the window. The hooks (14), which meet the limitations of the claimed "mechanical assistance system" and the "removal system", are coupled to the cord (11).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rieth et al. (DE 3933332 A1) in view of Deane (6,665,995).

Rieth et al. does not disclose the claimed material for the cord.

Deane teaches a fiberglass cord (24) used with a window structure.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the cord of Rieth et al. out of fiberglass to provide a low cost alternative to aramide fiber while still having sufficient strength to accomplish the desired cutting of the window packing.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 4 and 8-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

11. Claims 12-16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

12. Claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection set forth in this Office action.

13. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The primary reason for indicating allowable subject matter of claim 17 is the actuator that is coupled between the window and the window frame, which is not found in the prior art of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Greg Blankenship whose telephone number is 571-272-6656.

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